

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bjarne Nielsen

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For: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THAWING FROZEN MEAT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 9, 2009, the applicant hereby elects Group 1, claims 1-3 for prosecution in the above identified application, and withdraws claims 4-10, though these may be subject to rejoinder. A complete claim listing follows: